



BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES June 26, 2017

Chairman John Betkoski, III called the monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:30 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Betkoski III, Jeremy Rodorigo, Ed Korzon, Kristen Trzaski, Robert Bradley, Dennis Phipps, Brian DeGeorge.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none

MINUTES:

R. Bradley moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017. Seconded by J. Betkoski. All in favor, motion passes 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board of Selectmen were invited to this evening's meeting to discuss the results of the June 17th. downtown walk. In addition to the Board of Selectmen, also in attendance was Joe Rodorigo, Chairman of the Board of Finance, Kevin P & Z Chairman Kevin McDuffie, Ben Catanzaro, and Tom Broesler, among others. The E.D.C. thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

There was considerable discussion regarding the downtown walk. Three main topics were discussed: Parking, Crosswalks, and the Walkway.

Board of Finance Chairman Joe Rodorigo reminded everyone that the new paid position for Economic Development, put in the budget by the Board of Finance is in the 2017-18 budget.

Selectmen Mike Krenesky asked why the B.O.F. was spearheading the E.D.C. position without input from the E.D.C. itself.

Chairman Betkoski stood and addressed the room stating that the position would be handled by the E.D.C..

Joe Rodorigo suggested streamlining the permit process in Townhall to encourage new businesses to consider locating their operations in Beacon Falls.

There was general discussion regarding utilizing previous studies for downtown and contacting engineering services used in the past.

The crosswalk and Post Office area on North Main Street was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. General discussion regarding blighted properties on So. Main Street and Railroad Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmers Market starting again on Friday afternoons next to the Fire House.

E.D.C. Commissioner Robert Bradley tendered his resignation effective at the end of this evenings meeting.

Chairman Betkoski moved *not* to accept the resignation of Robert Bradley, seconded by Vice Chairman Rodorigo. All in favor, one abstain. Motion passes 6-0.

Fireworks Tent set up i.f.o. 141 So. Main Street.

The E.D.C. inquired as to the timeline required for completion of a permitted building project in town.

Several Commissioners voiced concern over the amount of cars & trucks stored at the three businesses located on the northbound approach to downtown.

GRANT NEWS / UPDATES:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

J. Rodorigo moved to pay the Clerk's invoice. Seconded by K. Trzaski. All in favor, motion passes 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, J. Rodorigo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm., seconded by D. Phipps. All in favor, motion passes 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen
Clerk